

Mar. 14.

HADDOCK AND HALIBUT FARES.

Also Fleet of Market Boats at This Port Today.

Two fine haddock fares and two good halibut trips are here this morning, besides a big fleet of market boats which are hanging in on account of the low glass and threatening, uncertain weather. The barometer has been dropping steadily and the skippers don't like the looks of the unusually heavy undertow which was heaving in here yesterday.

At the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company are schs. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James D. Goodwin with 100,000 pounds of fresh cod and haddock and sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams, with 80,000 pounds of fresh fish. Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Fred Upshell, has 20,000 pounds of halibut and sch. Senator, Capt. George Marr, also hauls for a like amount of halibut.

On Saturday afternoon sch. Cynthia brought in 60,000 pounds of fresh cod from Boston and the steam netters Quoddy and Nomad had about 7000 pounds each of fresh fish.

Yesterday sch. Yakima, which came up from Portland, where she landed a fine fare of halibut, with 10,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Arbutus is here from New York with coal.

Quite a number of off-shore vessels, as well as the boats, are held up by the bad weather.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Cynthia, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Benjamin, A. Smith, Georges 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Eugenia, Georges, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Preceptor, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Senator, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, via Boston.

Sch. Yakima, via Portland.

Sch. Olympia, via Portland.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. George H. Lube, shore.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Topsail Girl, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Nokomis, shore.

Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, shore.

Sch. Dauntless, via Boston.

Sch. Valentinna, shore.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Sch. Yakima, via Portland, 10,000 lbs. salt fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Steamer Nomad, shore.

Sch. Marion E. Turner, pollock seining.

Sch. Lucania, haddocking.

Sch. Lillian, haddocking.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Grayling, eastern deck handling.

Sch. John Hays Hammond.

Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9-1-2 cents per lb. for white and 7-3-4 cents per lb. for gray.

Georges halibut, 10c per lb. for white and 8c for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

Mar. 15.

75

MACKEREL REPORTED SCHOOLING IN SOUTHERN WATERS.

Report Brought to Boston by Captain of Coastwise Steamer.

Advance Fleet Will Be Later in Getting Away Than Last Year.

Mackerel schools are reported sighted to the southward. The same report comes to hand about this time every year, but this is no reason for doubting its authenticity, for it is about time when the schools should begin to show down Hatteras way. The seining army this year seems to be in charge of "General Apathy" and nobody, either captains or crews, seem anxious to start and the vessel owners too, seem in no hurry to have them go.

Nevertheless the report of mackerel sighted may stir them up a little although it will not hasten the sailing of any of the fleet.

The report comes from a good source, the fish being seen by the officers of the steamer City of Augusta, which arrived at Boston from Savannah late Saturday. They report the schools, large ones, on Friday last, off Cape Lookout, and working north. The loca-

tion is well down to Hatteras and about where the fish first show.

Early Fleet Will Sail Later Than Last Year.

While as yet none of the southern seining fleet has made a move to get ready, last year at this time three of the fleet had already sailed, schs. Electric Flash and Monarch sailing March 11 and sch. Arthur James going March 15.

This season schs. Effie M. Prior and Ralph L. Hall are expected to be the first of the fleet that will get away and their departure is set down for in the vicinity of March 25, while the most of the seining captains are figuring on sailing about the first week in April.

Last season 27 sail of the southern seining fleet had sailed from here before April 1, so it is easily seen that the idea of the skippers this spring is "there's no use to rush." Incidentally the full of the moon comes March 25 and as "darks" are what the southern seiners want it looks as though they had their starts figured out about right.

Mar. 15.

CAPT. MORGAN NOT COMING.

Will Not Engage in Mackerel Seining This Season.

Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, the well known mackerel seining skipper, and one of the best in the business, is not coming on from his Virginia home this season, to engage in the southern mackerel fishery.

The news comes in the nature of a great surprise and was contained in a letter received from Capt. Morgan, yesterday by Orlando Merchant, owner of the gasoline auxiliary sch. Constellation, in command of which or other vessels from the same firm he has been for many seasons.

The news will also be a great surprise to the other skippers of the fleet, as well as to the fishermen, quite a number of whom were counting on "going with Morgan" this season.

WENT DOWN WITH CREW.

Tug Nina Sunk in Storm off the Delaware Capes.

The naval tug Nina probably went down in the storm off the Delaware Capes without giving her crew of 32 men time even to lower a boat. The condition of the lifeboat from the missing tug found this week near Metompkin inlet on the Delaware coast seems to show that the boat was torn away from the davits either as the Nina went down or after she sank.

This has been shown by an examination of the boat at the Norfolk navy yard. The block from a davit was still hanging to one of the rings of the boat.

New Vessel in Commission.

The new Provincetown sch. Josephine DeCosta, the last new vessel to join the market fishing fleet, has been rigged and made ready to sail, and yesterday went to Provincetown to take on her gear and bait. Capt. Marion Perry, who will command her, will sail at once for the fishing grounds, and the new vessels should be back to Boston before the end of the week.

Mar. 15.

The Salt Fish Export Trade.

Holmwood & Holmwood, of London, advise that the European markets are somewhat discouraging. Consumption is small, notwithstanding the advent of Lent, and prices are declining. They will have to go much lower to utilize all the fish arrived and on passage, in the opinion of these correspondents.

A more cheerful note is struck by the "Trade Review," of St. Johns, N. F., which says: "The foreign fish markets are absorbing our product at a satisfactory pace, and stocks in the city are growing beautifully less. From indications we are going to have clean stores much earlier than usual this season, and outfitting will be opened with more than usual activity. The market on this side of the Atlantic is especially healthy, and the only complaint now is that the medium for shipping the goods away is not up to the present requirements. There is no mistake about it, the time is now come for better and more frequent steam connection between this country, the West Indies and South America, and the quicker the government and the trade realize this, the better. The slow and roundabout way of shipping our fish via New York entails time and expense entirely out of keeping with our growing commercial demands."

Fishermen Scarce at Newfoundland.

Capt. W. Hollet in sch. Australia and Capt. T. Hollet in sch. Alameda of the Newfoundland fleet, have gone to Rose Blanche and vicinity to begin fishing operations. They have engaged about 20 men each and are paying them as high as \$235 for the voyage. It was very hard to get men to go on the shares, they preferring to take the large amount offered for the voyage. A large number of men are still wanted by the different skippers at Burin. Messages were sent to New Harbor and other ports near there, asking for men, but none could be secured as the majority of them are engaged in the woods cutting railway ties, etc., and the others are waiting to begin work on the railway in the spring.

Nova Scotia Vessels Doing Well.

The Halifax Chronicle says: "Vessels are already outfitting for the Banks, and doubtless will do well. Increased transportation facilities, cold storage warehouses and other factors now enable the bankers to sell, if they want to, at remunerative prices, the fish almost fresh, on their arrival here. We hear of one sale of 100,000 lbs. of this grade of fish, at 1 1-2c a lb. This would be the equivalent of about \$4.50 a qtl., dried, considering labor, loss of weight, etc."

Mar. 15.

FISH SCARCE AT BOSTON.

Shore Boats Get Fair Prices For Catch.

Boston has not much to say in the fresh fish line this morning, the arrivals being confined to two of the off-shore fleet, two market boats and a half dozen of the little bay netters. The off-shore fellows got \$1.50 for their haddock, but large cod was below Gloucester splitting price.

The shore boats got \$3.25 for their haddock and the netters received \$3.25 right through for their codfish.

Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin, has a big fare, about 100,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock and sch. James W. Parker, Capt. Geo. W. Tufts, also had a good catch, 85,000 pounds. The market boats and netters had from 2000 to 10,000 pounds.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita was at Boston yesterday with her first trip of the year. The schooner is under command of Capt. Alves, as her owner, and regular captain, Joseph Mesquita, remained ashore at home here to watch at the bedside of his wife, who is seriously ill. Capt. Alves had fine success on his trip, and brought in 20,000 pounds of haddock and 60,000 pounds of cod.

On the Yarmouth steamer yesterday were 337 crates and 88 barrels of live lobsters, and two boxes of salmon, a single fish to a box.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Conqueror, 80,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. James W. Parker, 55,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 3500 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Sarah, 2000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. W. H. Clements, 3000 cod.

Sch. Cherokee, 4500 cod.

Sch. Wodan, 2200 cod.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, 5000 cod.

Off-shore haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.55 per cwt.; off-shore, large cod, \$1.90; off-shore market cod, \$1.60; shore haddock, \$3.25; shore cod, \$3.25.

COLD STORAGE PLANT BURNED.

Large Quantity of Herring and Squid Bait Destroyed.

The cold storage plant, warehouse and wharf of the Crowell Cold Storage Company at East Dennis, filled with herring and squid bait for the spring fishing, were totally destroyed by fire Saturday night at a loss of \$22,000.

The plant was at an isolated part of the water front, and the blaze, although visible for miles along the coast, threatened no property except the buildings of the storage company. The fire started in the fire room and spread rapidly to the other parts of the plant, burning with an intensity that made the inadequate fire department useless. It burned itself out in about two hours, eating to the very water's edge.

A large quantity of squid, used for bait, and the principal store for the care of fishermen, was destroyed. The loss of this bait is expected to handicap the fishermen seriously.

ENLARGED THEIR QUARTERS.

New England Fish Exchange Grown During the Year.

The New England Fish Exchange now occupies the entire floor above stores 27 and 28 at T wharf, Boston. The business of the exchange has grown faster than was anticipated, and it became necessary to get more room, so the Ross towboat office was moved upstairs and the two rooms formerly occupied by them were taken for the work of the exchange. A large room for the directors was made, and opening from this a private room for the president. Both rooms are handsomely furnished, and in the directors' room hangs a large portrait of John R. Neal, the present and first president of the exchange.

Mar. 15.

SELLING THE HERRING PACK.

Eastern Sardine Men Now Shipping Their Goods to the West.

Quantities of last year's pack of sardines that have been stored in many of the cellars about Eastport for several months past are now being shipped West, where they are in demand. The supply of herring was unusually small last year and as a result the season's pack was considerably lighter than usual in that section. It seems probable that most of the pack here will be sold before the opening of the canning season in April.

Boneless Fish Trade at St. John's N. F.

John Clouston, according to the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review, having experimented with the boneless and shredded codfish business, is now in a position to say, first, that there is a fair and ever increasing market for the goods in St. John's; and, second, that there is practically an unlimited market for them in the Prairie Provinces of Canada.

As situated at present, Mr. Clouston has been keeping the local market going to date, but the Canadian trade is beyond his power to handle without larger facilities and equipment, and more capital than he has at present. Thus far he has managed to finance the business, and find out where the goods are wanted, but the possibilities of the trade are greater than was anticipated, and will have to be handled by a company with more capital than Mr. Clouston has at his command.

Mar. 15.

Portland Fish News.

The following crafts were in Monday:

Schs. Eva and Mildred, with 17,000 lbs. fish; Albert W. Black, 8000; Katie L. Palmer, 5000; Mary E. Sennett, 5000; Angie B. Watson, 10,000; Fanny Hayden, 3000; A. P. Parkhurst, 2000; sloop Isabel Parsons, 7000; Thomas J. Carroll, steamer Water Witch.

The United States fish commission steamer Gannet was in port Sunday searching for cod eggs, but succeeded in getting very few. On her trip here last week she secured over 13,000,000 eggs for the hatchery, the largest quantity she ever procured on one trip. From this time on the Gannet will very likely make a daily round trip up and back from Portland.

Mar. 15.

CODFISH FOR THE SPLITTERS.

Two Fares Brought Here From Boston Yesterday.

The splitters have some codfish to work on today, as two of the off-shore fleet at T wharf yesterday came to this port during the afternoon with quite a lot of these fish, for which there was no sale there unless the skippers wanted to let them go at less than the splitting prices here. At Boston they are offering \$1.75 for large and \$1.40 for market cod to split, whereas at this port the splitting figures are \$2 and \$1.60.

Sch. Rex brought down 50,000 pounds and sch. Frances P. Mesquita came with 65,000 pounds. Sch. Teazer, which landed her halibut at T wharf, also brought down a small lot of salt fish, and sch. Kineo, which landed her halibut at Portland, came up from there with 1000 pounds of salt fish.

Yesterday afternoon the steamer Nomad had 6500 pounds of fresh fish, sch. Priscilla landed 3000 pounds of fresh, and sch. Walter P. Goulart 7000 pounds of fresh fish.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Rex, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, shore 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Kineo, via Portland, 1000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 7000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Priscilla, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Mar. 15.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, pollock seining.

Sch. Dauntless, pollock seining.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, haddock-ing.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. George H. Lubee, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.

Sch. Nokomis, shore.

Sch. Mabel S. Bryson, shore.

Sch. Topsail Girl, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, shore.

Sch. Valentinna, shore.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Steamer Nomad, shore.

Steamer Philomena, Boston.

Sch. Cynthia, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9 1-2 cents per lb. for white and 7 3-4 cents per lb. for gray. Georges halibut, 10c per lb. for white and 8c for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

Mar. 16.

Pacific Coast Fisheries Notes.

The Union Fish Company, Portland, Ore., has secured possession of 21 boxes of codfish recently seized by the United States authorities because the boxes were falsely labelled "Norway Cod." The owners were allowed to furnish a bond requiring that the labels be removed and the fish placed on the market as west coast product. The complaint was filed under the pure food laws.

Governor Clark of Alaska makes a special appeal to the department of Commerce and Labor to enlist the Bureau of Fisheries in the work of examining into the fisheries of Alaska, with a view to taking steps to conserve the supply.

G. F. Dinsmore, representing the United States fisheries, and John A. Riseling, Washington state fish commissioner, are seeking a suitable location at Port Townsend for a station where sockeye salmon may be stripped of spawn.

The Alaska Packers' Association has a large sized navy ready at San Francisco for the invasion of Alaska. This concern will send north seven steamers and 23 sailing vessels. Twenty-one of the 23 are big square riggers, and they are all in first class condition.

The North Alaska Salmon Co. will dispatch five sailing vessels, one steamer and a power schooner. The Naknek Packing Co., the Red Salmon Co. and the Bristol Bay Packing Co. will each send two big sailing vessels.

More Fresh Herring at Boston.

Another lot of small fresh herring came to Boston yesterday; the second lot and the first big one received this season. There were only 11 barrels in the first lot, which arrived here last week, but yesterday there were 150 barrels received. The fish that came yesterday were too small for bait, but were sold at a good price for food fish. The herring came from Maine by way of the Portland steamer. No herring have been taken on the south side of the bay yet.

Closed Season on Smelts.

The closed season on smelts began yesterday. The law applies only to smelts caught in the waters of this state, however, and will not interfere with the sale of the smelts that have come from the maritime provinces, of which there are still a large quantity on hand. It will not interfere either with the green smelts that come by steamer from the provinces each week.